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Tao Chen : Group Art Unit: 3617

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For: REAR HUB FOR BICYCLE

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART SUBMITTED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 1, 2005 Notice of Allowability, Applicant hereby requests that the foreign prior art previously submitted February 16, 2005 be considered by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

The three foreign references submitted on February 16, 2005 were not considered because copies of the three foreign references were allegedly not submitted. However, the three foreign references were in fact submitted.

Applicant has attached herewith a copy of Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) to provide evidence that the aforementioned foreign references were filed in the above-indicated case. Clearly, it shows the foreign references were received by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 16, 2005. The Applicant respectfully requests that the foreign prior art of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 16, 2005 in the above-indicated case be considered. Attached is a new PTO-1449 form for the Examiner's convenience.

If there are any questions regarding this Request please contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waives the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) (2) (i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. Patent and each U.S. patent application publication.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 04002356.6 is attached hereto.

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above certification. However,

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the

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communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate

copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

French Patent Publication No. 2317108 appears to disclose a rear bicycle hub having

a plurality of sprockets with a dust cover adjacent the outer bearings. The European Search

Report indicated that pages 3-7 were relevant.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 56-135301 appears to disclose a rear

bicycle hub with a dust cover 13 disposed between the hub shell and the sprocket. The

European Search Report indicated that abstract and Figures 1 and 2 were relevant. An

English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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